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1. Each battalion of the 103rd Meck. Regt. had a jeep-type vehicle assigned to it for the use of the battalion CO during training exercises only. Each vehicle was equipped with either an MK-19 Canadian-made radio, the Czech A7-B, or the RF-11 radio. This vehicle and its equipment were assigned to the mechanized battalions; the equipment was dismounted when not in use. did not know of any Soviet-made tanks, self-propelled guns, or armored cars in use in the Czechoslovak Army.

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2. believed that radar units were a part of the antiaircraft regiments as a part of the division organization. no information on these radar units, however, no information on direction finders used in the Czech Army.

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but there were no such jamming units in the 3rd Tank Division.

3. In the 3rd Tank Division, each regimental commander and the division commander had van-mounted radio equipment. There was none at battalion level. The radio equipment consisted of one 30 WSC and one 80 WSC, both German-made. This equipment was used by the commanders as means of communication.

4. no information regarding tank-mounted television receivers and transmitters.

5. never observed pigeons or dogs used for communications purposes at any time within the 3rd Tank Division.

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- 25X1 6. [] heard [] that 25X1
women were taking communications training at the signal school in Brno. No
number was ever mentioned. However, there were no women engaged in any
communications activity in the 3rd Tank Division, up until [] 25X1
in April 1953. In early 1953, [] two female members 25X1
of the communications service wearing shoulder boards with the communications
branch insignia.
7. In the 3rd Tank Division, the lowest echelon having engineer units assigned to
it was the regiment. The regiment had an engineer platoon of 40 men. An
engineer battalion consisting of about 120 men was assigned to division
headquarters. These engineer units concerned themselves chiefly with building
bridges in the division's area of responsibility, digging and repairing trenches,
laying mine fields, clearing mine fields, and doing minor road repair work.
- 25X1 1. [] Comment: This [] is in answer to the question 25X1
whether all Soviet tanks, SP guns, and armored cars supplied to the Czech Army
are radio equipped.

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